



2011 YEAR-END REPORT

THE BEST YEAR YET



to promote and defend the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death



LEGISLATION

We are representing Ohio's pro-life movement at the State Capitol ensuring a prepared, researched and compassionate voice for the voiceless in our state government.

Elections have consequences. Ohioans elected every Ohio Right to Life endorsed statewide candidate in 2010. Consequently, Ohio Right to Life has passed a historic number of pro-life measures this year. Thanks to our members, affiliated chapters, pro-life leaders in the General Assembly and Governor John Kasich, 2011 has been the best year yet.

Late-Term Abortion Ban



Signed into law on July 20, 2011 | Before the enactment of this legislation, abortion was legal in Ohio up to and through the ninth month of pregnancy. This new law bans abortion beginning after 20 weeks when the child can live outside the womb.

Ban on Abortions in Public Hospitals



Signed into law on July 1, 2011 | Ohio Right to Life polling has shown that a vast majority of Ohioans oppose taxpayer funding for abortion. This new law prohibits the performance of abortions at taxpayer funded public hospitals.

Federal Abstinence Grant Application



Signed into law on July 1, 2011 | This new law requires the Ohio Department of Health to apply for federal abstinence education grants to reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies.

Pro-Life Student Group Protection



Signed into law on July 1, 2011 | This new law ensures the protection of student groups such as pro-life and Christian clubs on college campuses by preserving their right to use and benefit from school funds and facilities without being forced to compromise their mission or beliefs.

Defund Planned Parenthood



Heard in a Senate committee on December 6, 2011 | This legislation will redirect millions of taxpayer dollars away from abortion-providing groups like Planned Parenthood and towards the hundreds of health centers that provide responsible health care for women and their unborn children.

Judicial Bypass Revision



Signed into law on November 4, 2011 | This new law strengthens Ohio's Parental Consent law. No longer can judges "rubber stamp" a minor's abortion requests without first informing her parents. Judges must now adhere to a much higher standard of "clear and convincing evidence." Judges must now specifically inquire about the minor's understanding of the possible physical and emotional complications of an abortion, and question how much the minor has been coached on how to respond to such questions.

Ban Abortion Insurance Coverage for Local Employees



Signed into law on July 1, 2011 | This new law bans taxpayer funded coverage of non-therapeutic abortions in insurance plans of local employees, including county employees, school district employees and regional transit authority employees.

Heartbeat Informed Consent Act



Introduced by Congresswoman Michele Bachmann on October 6, 2011 | This federal legislation will require abortion providers to make the heartbeat of an unborn child visible and audible to its mother as part of her informed consent, which we know will save more lives. Ohio Right to Life is pursuing similar measures in the General Assembly and encouraging all 49 other states to do the same.



Passed and signed into law



Actively advancing



EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

Ohio Right to Life has developed a strategy to make it easy to learn the truths about abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking and other pro-life issues, especially for young people. In order to deliver the message in the most effective way possible, the organization is constantly developing new ways to spread the pro-life message throughout the state.

Urban Outreach Initiative

This initiative was created to effectively impact and decrease the large amount of abortions that occur in black communities. While black women make up approximately 6% of the population in Ohio, over 40% of all Ohio abortions are performed upon them. Ohio Right to Life is actively working with groups throughout the state to spread the truth about abortion and the hurt it causes to a more diverse audience.

Ohio Pro-Life Oratory Contest

Helping young pro-lifers develop and exercise their pro-life voices is the main goal of the Annual Oratory Contest. The contestants must research, write and present an original speech on abortion, euthanasia, stem-cell research or infanticide. ORTL chapters across the state hold local contests and the winners gather in Columbus in April to determine who will represent our state in the national competition in June.



Glenn Beck Event

The importance of life, faith and freedom were the focus of an annual rally for life presented by ORTL with keynote speaker Glenn Beck. The message shared with more than 2,000 ORTL constituents at this event reflected that of our mission, transcending all political party affiliations, religious denominations and nationalities. The speaker highlighted the importance and value of every human life as presented alongside the basic principles of the Declaration of Independence.

Newt Gingrich Event

More than 1,400 individuals attended this special event honoring the life of Blessed Pope John Paul II. The film *Nine Days That Changed the World* was presented by Ohio Right to Life and endorsed by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. The movie chronicles the power of the papacy and the fall of communism in Poland. Our special guests were 2012 presidential candidate, Newt Gingrich and his wife, Callista, who were present to discuss their experiences in making the movie.

OSU Pro-life Day with Chris Spielman

The majority of abortions in Ohio are performed upon college aged women. Franklin County, home of The Ohio State University, is the second largest county where abortions are performed in the state. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the dignity of human life at one of the largest universities in the nation with keynote speaker, Chris Spielman as well as several supporting student groups at OSU. At this event students were provided with printed materials that serve as a resource to help them increase their knowledge of what it means to be pro-life.



MULTIMEDIA

Video Production and ORTL TV

Ohio Right to Life has developed a working video studio, making it possible to produce high quality educational pieces. "ORTL TV" is one project focused on connecting Ohioans with pro-life leaders like Congressman Jim Jordan, Congressman Bob Latta and Attorney General Mike DeWine. The organization now uploads its videos to the Ohio Right to Life YouTube channel, which has received over 12,000 views.

Strong Social Media Base

Through daily updates to our profiles on both Facebook and Twitter, Ohio Right to Life makes it easy to interact with the organization. Daily posts include content such as event announcements and promotion, facts about pro-life issues, images and videos.

Follow us!   

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Our official website helps 10,000 monthly visitors find information about life issues, legislation, and pro-life resources. The website is updated regularly with the latest technology to better serve all who want to learn more about respecting life.

Knowledge is Empowering

This online campaign centered on the website www.KnowledgesEmpowering.com reaches close to 10,000 young women and men each month. This website provides important information and resources to individuals and various other pro-life groups. A feature called "Ask Beth" enables young women and men to contact "Beth" to answer any questions they have about pregnancy, adoption and abortion.



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